

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Jie Sun et al.	Examiner:	Tsai, Carol S W
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed **June 30, 2004**, said period of response being extended from **September 30, 2004** to **December 30, 2004**.

Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

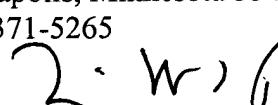
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